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The reply brief filed on May 26, 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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Sir:

This is a reply brief in response to the Examiner's answer mailed on March 24, 2006 for this application.

Appellants' invention provides an inexpensive alternative for call queuing by queuing calls at an intelligent peripheral within an advanced intelligent network (AIN) telecommunication system. Claims 1 and 4-28 are the subject of this appeal.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1, 4-10, and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Weisser (U.S. Patent No. 5,600,710) in view of Knoerle (U.S. Patent No. 6,597,780) and in further view of Watts (U.S. Patent No. 5,668,861), there is no suggestion to combine these references to achieve the claimed invention. According to the invention, a call to a subscriber,

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